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Alberta

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Current Economic Indicators
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Highlights

Labour Force: In March, Alberta recorded an unemployment rate of 7.5%, up from February's 6.9% rate. This increase is the combined result of a 3,400 drop between February and March in the number of people employed, and an increase in the size of the labour force by 9,700 over the same period. Canada's unemployment rate in March was 8.2%. As compared to March 2009, the number of people employed in Alberta decreased by 16,900 due to full-time job losses. The industries that recorded the largest employment gains between March 2009 and March 2010 were health care and social assistance (up 25,300), construction (up 9,400) and information, culture and recreation (up 8,200). The largest employment losses were recorded in agriculture (down 13,200), finance, insurance, real estate and leasing (down 13,200) and retail trade (down 12,900). The number of Employment Insurance recipients increased by 124.3% to 57,590 in January, as compared to the same month in 2009.

Consumer Spending: In January, the value of retail sales increased 1.5%, as compared to the same month in 2009. The largest increase was recorded by gasoline service stations (up 16.5%); the store categories with the largest declines in sales were furniture, furnishings and electronics stores (down 8.3%), followed by food and beverage stores (down 2.9%). The number of new motor vehicles sold fell by 4.7% in January from the same month in 2009. In February, the number of Alberta homes sold via the Multiple Listing Service rose by 26.3% to 4,077. Over the same period, the Consumer Price Index was up 1.0% from a year ago, while Canada's CPI rose 1.6%.

Construction: In March, housing starts were more than triple the number registered in the same month in 2009, as a result of large increases in both multiple and single unit starts. Year-to-date, a 126.9% increase in housing starts was recorded in Alberta, as compared to the first quarter of 2009. This increase was second to Saskatchewan's 176.3%. On a national basis, urban housing starts were up by one-half over the same period. In February, the value of building permits increased by 86.7% from the same month in 2009. Industrial and residential permits rose by 189.3% and 174.0%, respectively, while commercial permits fell by 6.8%.

Manufacturing: Between January 2009 and January 2010, the value of Alberta manufacturing shipments decreased by 0.2%. The only sectors that recorded gains in the value of shipments were allied and paper products (up 19.4%), food products (up 14.3%), wood (up 7.6%) and furniture and fixtures (up 1.6%). Nationally, a 10.0% increase was noted in manufacturing shipments over the same period.

Energy: In March, the number of active drilling rigs was up 103.5% as compared to the same month in 2009. In the first quarter of 2010, the number of active drilling rigs was 38.9% higher than in the same period last year.

Exports: The value of Alberta's international merchandise exports increased by 19.6% in February as compared to the same month in 2009, to $6.6 billion. On a year-to-date basis, exports rose 10.0% from the same period in 2009, mainly as a result of a 19.4% increase in mining and energy exports. Canadian exports rose by 3.5% over the same period.

Bankruptcies and Incorporations: In January, business and consumer bankruptcies decreased by 30.8% and 1.7%, respectively, as compared to January 2009. In March 2010, the number of business incorporations rose by 31.5% from March 2009.

Population: As of January 1, 2010, Alberta's population was 3,711,845, an increase of 1.9% from January 1, 2009. This was the highest provincial increase in population. Alberta lost 2,780 interprovincial migrants and 1,425 total net non-permanent residents in the fourth quarter of 2009. However these losses were offset by an increase in international migrants by 4,720. Hence, Alberta's population increased as compared to a year ago in spite of the fourth quarter losses. As compared to a year ago, Canada's population increased by 1.2%.

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

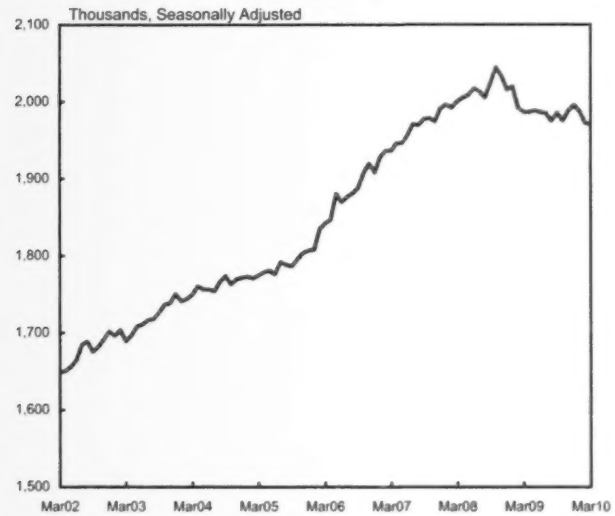
LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (seasonally adjusted)	JANUARY - MARCH AVERAGE			FEBRUARY			MARCH		
	2009	2010	Yearly Change	2009	2010	Yearly Change	2009	2010	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Labour Force (000's)	2,117.0	2,124.8	7.8	2,115.9	2,118.8	2.9	2,115.3	2,128.5	13.2
Calgary	744.7	749.7	5.0	744.7	749.7	5.0	743.5	748.2	4.7
Edmonton	652.5	661.7	9.2	652.4	661.5	9.1	652.8	655.6	2.8
Employed (000's)	1,999.2	1,976.6	-22.6	1,991.7	1,972.8	-18.9	1,986.3	1,969.4	-16.9
Calgary	707.2	695.9	-11.3	706.6	696.6	-10.0	700.6	694.3	-6.3
Edmonton	623.4	615.4	-8.0	623.0	616.5	-6.5	621.6	607.9	-13.7
Employment Rate (%)	70.5	68.0	-2.5	70.2	67.9	-2.3	69.9	67.7	-2.2
Calgary	73.7	70.6	-3.1	73.7	70.7	-3.0	72.9	70.3	-2.6
Edmonton	69.7	67.2	-2.5	69.7	67.3	-2.4	69.4	66.3	-3.1
Unemployment (000's)	117.9	148.2	30.3	124.3	145.9	21.6	129.0	159.2	30.2
Calgary	37.4	53.7	16.3	38.0	52.9	14.9	42.9	53.9	11.0
Edmonton	29.2	46.4	17.2	29.4	45.0	15.6	31.2	47.7	16.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	7.0	1.4	5.9	6.9	1.0	6.1	7.5	1.4
Calgary	5.0	7.2	2.2	5.1	7.1	2.0	5.8	7.2	1.4
Edmonton	4.5	7.0	2.5	4.5	6.8	2.3	4.8	7.3	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	74.6	73.2	-1.4	74.6	73.0	-1.6	74.4	73.2	-1.2
Calgary	77.6	76.1	-1.5	77.6	76.1	-1.5	77.3	75.8	-1.5
Edmonton	73.0	72.3	-0.7	73.0	72.2	-0.8	72.9	71.5	-1.4

Note: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

ADDITIONAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (unadjusted)	JANUARY - MARCH AVERAGE			FEBRUARY			MARCH		
	2009	2010	Yearly Change	2009	2010	Yearly Change	2009	2010	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Male Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	7.6	1.2	6.5	6.9	0.4	7.6	8.2	0.6
Female Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	6.5	1.8	5.1	6.8	1.7	4.4	6.9	2.5
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	10.8	11.7	0.9	11.2	10.6	-0.6	11.4	13.9	2.5
Working Age Population (000's)	2,836.0	2,903.9	67.9	2,836.1	2,904.1	68.0	2,841.7	2,908.0	66.3
Calgary	959.4	985.4	26.0	959.4	985.4	26.0	961.6	987.1	25.5
Edmonton	893.8	915.9	22.1	893.8	915.9	22.1	895.7	917.2	21.5
Employed (000's)	1,979.9	1,956.4	-23.5	1,978.0	1,959.2	-18.8	1,967.6	1,948.8	-18.8
Full-time	1,610.4	1,591.1	-19.3	1,605.6	1,593.3	-12.3	1,594.9	1,582.6	-12.3
Part-time	369.5	365.3	-4.2	372.4	365.9	-6.5	372.6	366.2	-6.4

Note: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

EMPLOYMENT



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted)	JANUARY - MARCH AVERAGE			FEBRUARY			MARCH		
	2009	2010	Yearly Change	2009	2010	Yearly Change	2009	2010	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Agriculture									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.0	1.9	-0.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	52.6	44.6	-8.0	51.9	42.0	-9.9	56.5	43.3	-13.2
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	5.3	-1.3	7.0	5.5	-1.5	8.5	5.0	-3.5
Employed (000's)	144.8	133.3	-11.5	144.5	134.6	-9.9	132.3	137.7	5.4
Construction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	10.1	-0.9	11.5	9.1	-2.4	12.9	10.3	-2.6
Employed (000's)	182.2	186.3	4.1	179.7	183.8	4.1	176.8	186.2	9.4
Manufacturing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	7.9	2.0	7.6	8.1	0.5	8.7	7.4	-1.3
Employed (000's)	133.8	117.2	-16.6	131.9	119.4	-12.5	119.3	122.0	2.7
Wholesale Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	5.2	1.3	3.4	3.1	-0.3	5.5	7.3	1.8
Employed (000's)	77.0	71.1	-5.9	80.1	68.4	-11.7	71.1	68.5	-2.6
Retail Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	7.3	1.0	7.0	7.3	0.3	5.7	7.8	2.1
Employed (000's)	228.9	220.8	-8.1	228.3	221.0	-7.3	230.7	217.8	-12.9
Transportation and Warehousing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	5.2	0.7	5.2	6.6	1.4	5.6	3.7	-1.9
Employed (000's)	105.0	100.7	-4.3	107.6	101.0	-6.6	105.8	103.3	-2.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.1	4.1	3.0	n/a	4.6	n/a	1.9	3.8	1.9
Employed (000's)	116.6	105.8	-10.8	115.3	106.1	-9.2	116.3	103.1	-13.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	5.1	1.8	3.4	4.8	1.4	5.3	5.3	0.0
Employed (000's)	158.0	148.0	-10.0	161.4	151.2	-10.2	151.3	142.4	-8.9
Business, Building and Other Support Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	13.1	6.3	3.7	13.0	9.3	7.6	11.2	3.6
Employed (000's)	59.8	62.4	2.6	59.9	63.6	3.7	65.8	63.3	-2.5
Educational Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.6	1.3	-0.3	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	n/a
Employed (000's)	138.0	141.5	3.5	129.8	138.6	8.8	136.2	131.8	-4.4
Health Care and Social Assistance									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.7	1.4	-0.3	1.8	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.5	-0.1
Employed (000's)	188.8	215.1	26.3	190.3	216.8	26.5	192.2	217.5	25.3
Information, Culture and Recreation									
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	4.9	-1.4	4.7	4.3	-0.4	7.1	5.7	-1.4
Employed (000's)	73.6	80.0	6.4	75.2	80.8	5.6	74.1	82.3	8.2
Accommodation and Food Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.0	-0.3	5.6	5.1	-0.5	6.5	7.2	0.7
Employed (000's)	122.0	130.3	8.3	123.7	128.5	4.8	125.9	130.8	4.9
Other Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.8	5.0	2.2	3.2	4.5	1.3	4.3	5.1	0.8
Employed (000's)	93.8	98.8	5.0	92.5	98.9	6.4	98.9	99.1	0.2
Public Administration									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.5	1.9	0.4	1.9	2.1	0.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	83.5	82.4	-1.1	83.0	85.6	2.6	90.3	82.5	-7.8

NOTE: "n/a" is reported in instances of insufficient response.

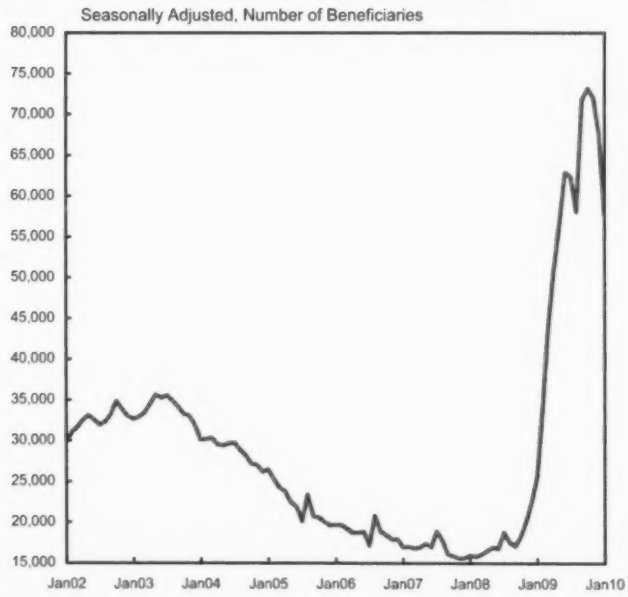
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE 2008	2009	Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	JANUARY 2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Recipients, seasonally adj.	17,702	56,604	219.8	22,530	67,630	200.2	25,680	57,590	124.3

WAGES AND SALARIES ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	115,975	116,514	0.5	9,914	9,706	-2.1	9,928	9,740	-1.9

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE 2008	2009	Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	JANUARY 2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
$/week, seasonally adjusted	923.21	950.13	2.9	947.54	949.32	0.2	947.89	965.09	1.8

MIGRATION	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	JULY - SEPTEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
International									
Immigration	24,204	27,016	11.6	6,455	8,865	37.3	5,201	5,947	14.3
Emigration	5,819	5,854	0.6	2,347	2,368	0.9	1,279	1,287	0.6
Returning Canadians	4,348	4,348	0.0	2,233	2,233	0.0	601	601	0.0
Temporarily abroad	2,309	2,309	0.0	754	754	0.0	541	541	0.0
Net Non-Permanent Residents	23,310	7,988	-65.7	7,604	2,439	-67.9	4,480	(1,425)	n/a
Net international migration	43,734	31,189	-28.7	13,191	10,415	-21.0	8,462	3,295	-61.1
Interprovincial									
In-migration	93,012	83,589	-10.1	30,265	20,790	-31.3	20,152	12,124	-39.8
Out-migration	70,810	77,023	8.8	25,338	23,325	-7.9	13,954	14,904	6.8
Net Interprovincial migration	22,202	6,566	-70.4	4,927	(2,535)	n/a	6,198	(2,780)	n/a

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE



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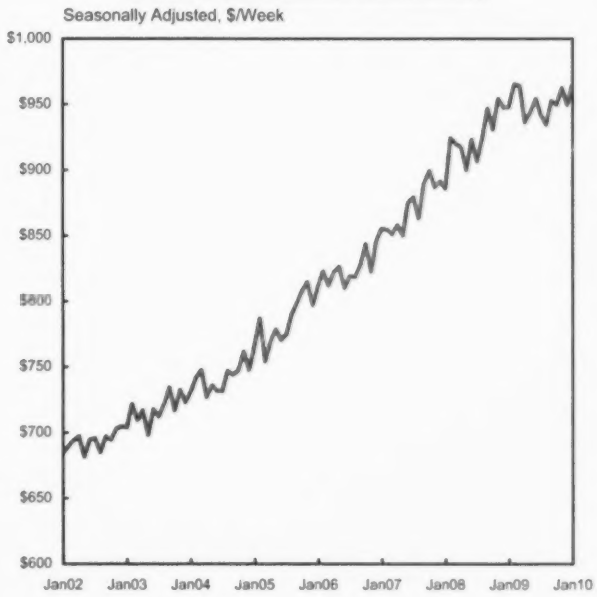


RETAIL TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2008	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2009	JANUARY - DECEMBER Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2008	DECEMBER 2009	DECEMBER Per cent Change	JANUARY 2009	JANUARY 2010	JANUARY Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted	61,057	55,954	-8.4	4,708	4,763	1.2	4,730	4,799	1.5
Motor and Recreational Vehicles	15,935	13,802	-13.4	988	1,056	6.8	994	974	-2.0
Gasoline Service Stations	7,867	6,368	-19.1	482	553	14.8	474	553	16.5
Furniture, Furnishings, Electronics	5,414	4,599	-15.1	613	550	-10.3	360	330	-8.3
Building and Outdoor Home Supplies	3,781	3,235	-14.4	233	212	-8.8	190	199	4.7
Food and Beverage	11,992	12,103	0.9	1,115	1,122	0.6	1,009	980	-2.9
Pharmacies and Personal Care	2,466	2,377	-3.6	256	254	-0.9	193	193	0.4
Clothing and Accessories	3,424	3,219	-6.0	451	448	-0.5	214	210	-2.1
General Merchandise	7,072	7,090	0.3	857	863	0.7	490	498	1.5
Miscellaneous Retailers	3,118	3,163	1.4	373	385	3.4	215	216	0.7

Note: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted; the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted.

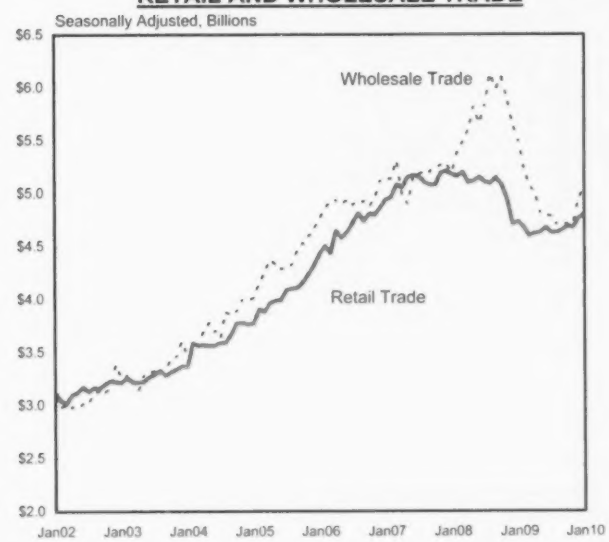
FOOD SERVICES AND DRINKING PLACES RECEIPTS ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2008	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2009	JANUARY - DECEMBER Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2008	DECEMBER 2009	DECEMBER Per cent Change	JANUARY 2009	JANUARY 2010	JANUARY Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	6,596	6,611	0.2	540	544	0.7	550	557	1.2

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2008	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2009	JANUARY - DECEMBER Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2008	DECEMBER 2009	DECEMBER Per cent Change	JANUARY 2009	JANUARY 2010	JANUARY Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Number Sold, seasonally adjusted	238,413	187,347	-21.4	15,533	15,853	2.1	16,666	15,884	-4.7
Total Number Sold, unadjusted	238,413	187,180	-21.5	15,457	15,945	3.2	13,151	12,618	-4.1
Passenger Vehicles	88,495	62,917	-28.9	4,791	4,832	0.9	3,976	3,759	-5.5
Trucks	149,918	124,263	-17.1	10,666	11,113	4.2	9,175	8,859	-3.4

Note: Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses regardless of their intended use. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars.

WHOLESALE TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2008	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2009	JANUARY - DECEMBER Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2008	DECEMBER 2009	DECEMBER Per cent Change	JANUARY 2009	JANUARY 2010	JANUARY Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Merchants, seasonally adjusted	68,664	58,988	-14.1	5,638	4,940	-12.4	5,494	5,065	-7.4

RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE



NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (MLS) HOUSING RESALES	JANUARY - FEBRUARY			JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
	2009	2010	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total (number)	5,407	7,011	29.7	2,180	2,934	34.6	3,227	4,077	26.3
Calgary	2,320	3,311	42.7	928	1,398	50.6	1,392	1,913	37.4
Edmonton	1,805	2,182	20.9	730	884	21.1	1,075	1,298	20.7
Total Value ($000,000)	1,758	2,409	37.0	703	1,007	43.2	1,055	1,401	32.8
Calgary	851	1,279	50.2	336	534	58.9	515	745	44.6
Edmonton	564	690	22.4	231	278	20.2	332	411	23.9

HOUSING STARTS (urban)	JANUARY - MARCH			FEBRUARY			MARCH		
	2009	2010	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	2,290	5,197	126.9	658	1,614	145.3	702	2,141	205.0
Single Detached	1,538	3,647	137.1	531	1,234	132.4	449	1,337	197.8
All Others*	752	1,550	106.1	127	380	199.2	253	804	217.8
Calgary	746	2,161	189.7	206	743	260.7	297	904	204.4
Edmonton	761	2,032	167.0	213	642	201.4	135	813	502.2

* Includes: two-family, row, and apartment dwellings

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - FEBRUARY			JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
	2009	2010	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Value, seasonally adjusted	1,113.4	1,901.8	70.8	572.5	892.2	55.8	540.9	1,009.6	86.7
Total Value, unadjusted	960.9	1,447.7	50.7	494.2	652.8	32.1	466.7	794.8	70.3
Calgary	338.8	448.6	32.4	161.4	224.0	38.8	177.4	224.6	26.6
Edmonton	363.7	559.6	53.9	210.1	235.7	12.2	153.7	323.9	110.7
Residential	337.6	897.2	165.8	157.3	403.4	156.4	180.3	493.9	174.0
Calgary	128.6	325.7	153.2	52.6	154.5	193.9	76.0	171.2	125.1
Edmonton	113.4	398.7	251.5	62.2	174.0	179.9	51.3	224.8	338.4
Industrial	56.2	143.5	155.4	25.8	55.7	115.7	30.3	87.8	189.3
Calgary	8.0	2.7	-66.4	3.6	0.9	-73.9	4.4	1.7	-60.2
Edmonton	20.5	10.2	-50.2	4.6	4.3	-6.7	15.8	5.9	-62.9
Commercial	383.6	266.8	-30.4	203.6	99.1	-51.4	180.0	167.8	-6.8
Calgary	156.7	71.9	-54.1	73.0	31.4	-57.0	83.7	40.5	-51.6
Edmonton	167.2	105.7	-36.8	107.8	26.9	-75.0	59.4	78.8	32.6
Institutional/Government	183.5	140.1	-23.7	107.4	94.7	-11.8	76.1	45.4	-40.3
Calgary	45.5	48.4	6.4	32.2	37.1	15.3	13.3	11.2	-15.4
Edmonton	62.7	45.0	-28.2	35.5	30.5	-14.1	27.2	14.5	-46.6

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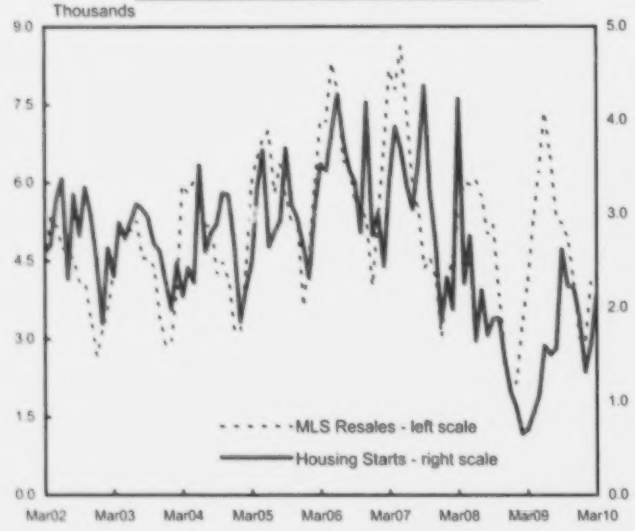

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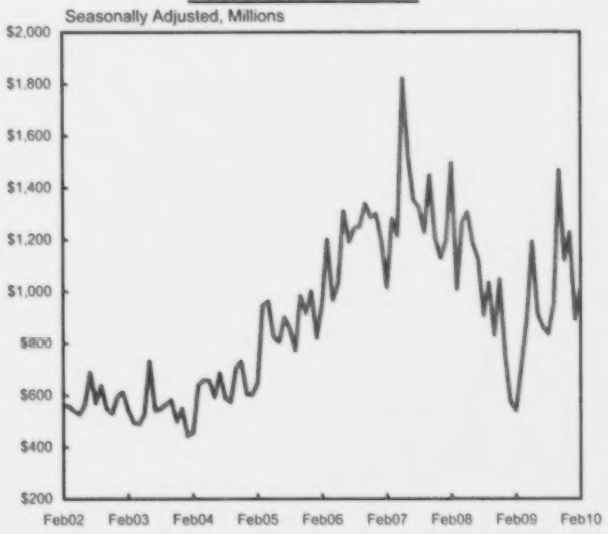

MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture $000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	70,411.4	55,351.6	-21.4	4,931.1	4,794.9	-2.8	4,872.0	4,863.8	-0.2
Total, unadjusted	70,411.4	55,253.0	-21.5	4,873.7	4,729.7	-3.0	4,600.5	4,608.6	0.2
Food Products	10,935.7	11,993.0	9.7	911.0	1,038.1	14.0	888.3	1,015.1	14.3
Plastics & Rubber Products	1,481.3	1,107.7	-25.2	98.7	76.4	-22.7	82.9	79.2	-4.4
Metal Fabricating	5,878.3	4,278.0	-27.2	469.4	306.8	-34.6	405.6	300.8	-25.8
Printing & Publishing	895.6	852.1	-4.9	74.1	68.6	-7.4	69.3	65.9	-5.0
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	2,405.6	1,806.6	-24.9	120.1	97.7	-18.7	114.6	105.4	-8.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	17,018.0	12,277.8	-27.9	934.1	1,201.4	28.6	1,004.0	1,231.3	22.6
Chemicals & Chemical Products	13,725.7	9,195.8	-33.0	740.9	762.5	2.9	801.0	771.7	-3.7
Wood	2,424.0	1,763.9	-27.2	160.6	134.7	-16.1	135.8	146.1	7.6
Furniture and Fixtures	931.0	798.2	-14.3	70.2	63.8	-9.1	61.9	62.9	1.6
Paper & Allied	1,846.3	1,635.9	-11.4	141.6	151.6	7.1	125.5	149.9	19.4
Computers & Electronics	935.9	608.1	-35.0	78.9	30.9	-60.8	55.2	22.0	-60.3
Machinery	6,286.7	4,800.1	-23.6	560.8	459.9	-18.0	476.4	367.9	-22.8
Other Manufacturing*	5,647.3	4,135.9	-26.8	513.2	337.2	-34.3	379.8	290.6	-23.5

*Other Manufacturing is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing (includes Primary Metal, Beverage and Transportation Equipment sectors)

AGRICULTURE Farm Cash Receipts ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			APRIL - JUNE			JULY - SEPTEMBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total From Operations	7,755.6	7,239.4	-6.7	2,527.6	2,365.3	-6.4	2,474.7	2,076.5	-16.1
Crops	3,623.9	3,450.6	-4.8	1,214.6	1,208.5	-0.5	1,026.0	789.9	-23.0
Wheat, other than Durum	1,247.9	1,120.1	-10.2	518.3	468.8	-9.5	368.6	262.3	-28.8
Durum Wheat	217.8	167.1	-23.3	81.0	80.6	-0.5	41.9	35.4	-15.4
Barley	300.3	230.6	-23.2	110.0	93.3	-15.2	69.0	49.6	-28.1
Canola	1,316.7	1,288.8	-2.1	416.6	451.0	8.3	427.8	315.4	-26.3
Livestock	3,169.6	3,163.8	-0.2	1,020.0	1,060.8	4.0	1,153.0	1,054.9	-8.5
Cattle and Calves	2.2	2.3	2.1	0.7	0.8	8.4	0.8	0.8	-5.8
Hogs	296.4	247.4	-16.5	101.8	80.3	-21.2	107.1	68.1	-36.4
Dairy Products	339.7	343.0	1.0	112.3	116.3	3.6	116.8	113.0	-3.3
Poultry	192.3	187.6	-2.4	63.8	61.2	-4.1	70.4	65.4	-7.1
Direct/Program Payments	962.1	624.9	-35.0	293.0	96.1	-67.2	295.7	231.6	-21.7

Note: Wheat, Durum Wheat and Barley receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments.

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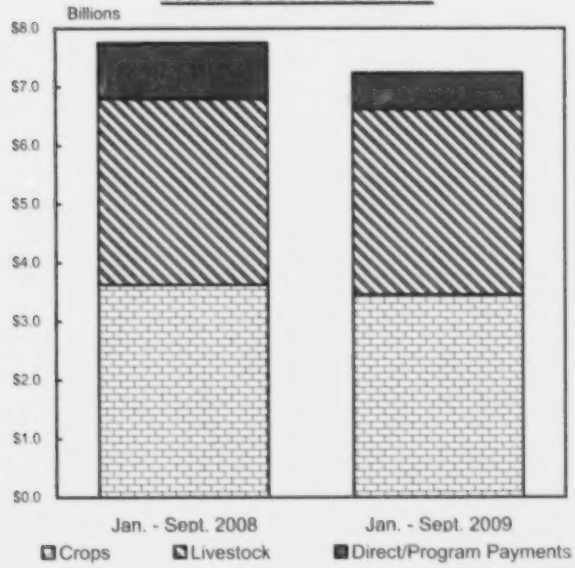

MANUFACTURING

ENERGY PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES	JANUARY - OCTOBER			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Natural Gas									
Production (million m^3)	131,459	122,338	-6.9	12,297	10,917	-11.2	12,833	11,385	-11.3
Deliveries (million m^3)	108,658	101,027	-7.0	10,014	8,688	-13.2	11,344	9,477	-16.5
Crude Oil and Equivalents*									
Production ('000 m^3)	89,670	93,451	4.2	8,899	9,267	4.1	9,240	9,857	6.7
Deliveries ('000 m^3)	91,831	94,844	3.3	9,142	9,465	3.5	9,054	9,850	8.8

*Includes Conventional Light/Medium/Heavy, Bitumen, Synthetic, Condensate and Pentanes Plus.

RIG ACTIVITY	JANUARY - MARCH AVERAGE			FEBRUARY			MARCH		
	2009	2010	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Rig Counts									
Drilling	203	282	38.9	238	339	42.4	108	219	103.5
Available	612	558	-8.8	611	555	-9.1	615	556	-9.6

ENERGY PRICES	ANNUAL AVERAGES		2009			2010			Annual % Change
	2008	2009	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	
West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US$/Barrel)	99.66	61.82	41.92	39.21	48.06	78.40	76.45	81.84	70.3
Natural Gas Reference Price (C$/GJ)	7.47	3.63	5.77	4.66	4.01	4.88	n/a	n/a	-15.4

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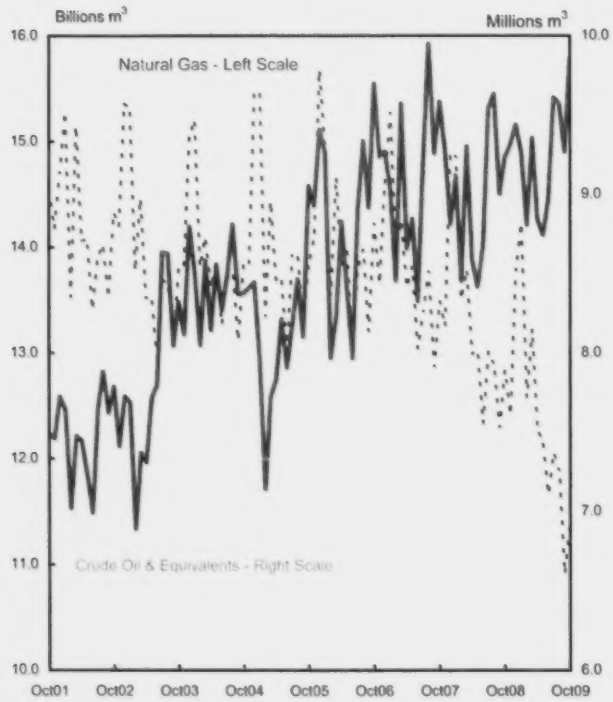

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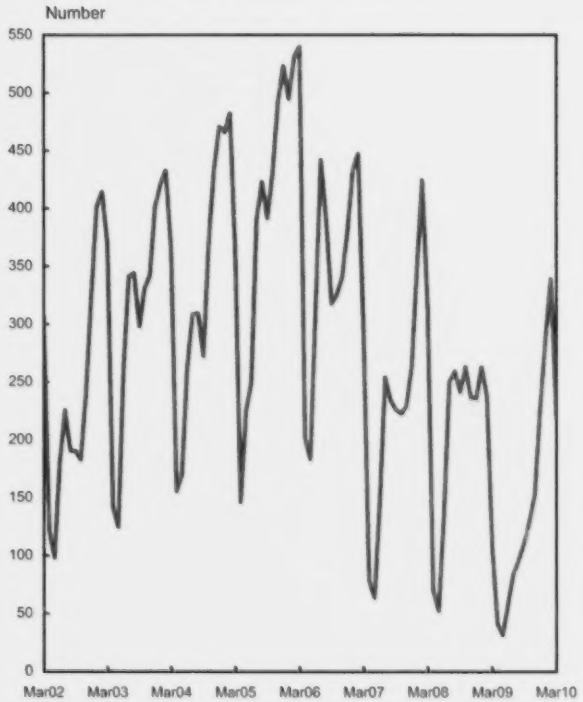

EXPORTS By Industry ($000,000)	JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2009	2010	Per cent Change	JANUARY 2009	2010	Per cent Change	FEBRUARY 2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all industries	11,917.5	13,112.0	10.0	6,395.9	6,506.7	1.7	5,521.6	6,605.3	19.6
Primary Agriculture	796.6	590.5	-25.9	398.1	286.9	-27.9	398.5	303.6	-23.8
Mining & Energy	7,879.2	9,410.7	19.4	4,369.5	4,647.2	6.4	3,509.7	4,763.6	35.7
Crude oil	3,650.1	5,759.5	57.8	2,075.8	2,860.7	37.8	1,574.3	2,898.7	84.1
Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids	4,071.7	3,456.9	-15.1	2,207.2	1,716.3	-22.2	1,864.5	1,740.5	-6.6
Other Mining and Energy	157.3	194.4	23.5	86.4	70.1	-18.9	71.0	124.3	75.1
Manufacturing	3,114.3	3,028.0	-2.8	1,568.0	1,530.5	-2.4	1,546.3	1,497.5	-3.2
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal Products	1,136.6	1,406.8	23.8	561.4	682.3	21.5	575.2	724.4	25.9
Paper & Wood Products	301.6	336.5	11.6	144.3	164.1	13.7	157.3	172.5	9.7
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	267.8	280.5	4.7	134.0	161.5	20.5	133.8	119.0	-11.1
Machinery & Transportation Equipment	608.7	362.7	-40.4	308.3	193.7	-37.2	300.4	169.0	-43.7
Food, Feed & Beverage	545.9	469.7	-14.0	276.9	242.4	-12.5	269.0	227.4	-15.5
Other Manufacturing	253.6	171.8	-32.3	143.1	86.5	-39.5	110.6	85.3	-22.9
Other Exports	127.4	82.7	-35.1	60.4	42.2	-30.2	67.0	40.5	-39.5

EXPORTS Top 10 Countries ($000,000)	JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2009	2010	Per cent Change	JANUARY 2009	2010	Per cent Change	FEBRUARY 2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all countries	11,917.5	13,112.0	10.0	6,395.9	6,506.7	1.7	5,521.6	6,605.3	19.6
United States	10,194.4	11,492.1	12.7	5,557.7	5,720.6	2.9	4,636.7	5,771.5	24.5
China	342.9	422.7	23.3	138.4	210.4	52.0	204.5	212.2	3.8
Japan	255.4	238.8	-6.5	143.9	104.8	-27.2	111.6	134.0	20.1
Mexico	143.6	125.2	-12.8	73.2	54.0	-26.2	70.4	71.2	1.0
Netherlands	51.2	76.9	50.1	27.1	41.5	53.2	24.1	35.4	46.7
Korea, South	68.4	76.1	11.2	28.7	29.9	3.9	39.7	46.2	16.5
Australia	42.5	47.6	12.1	18.8	23.7	25.8	23.7	24.0	1.2
Saudi Arabia	53.8	36.2	-32.7	19.7	32.8	66.7	34.1	3.4	-89.9
United Arab Emirates	33.7	34.7	2.9	21.5	25.7	19.5	12.2	9.0	-26.2
Bangladesh	51.4	32.7	-36.5	19.5	18.4	-6.0	31.9	14.3	-55.1
All Other Countries	680.1	529.1	-22.2	347.5	245.1	-29.5	332.6	284.0	-14.6

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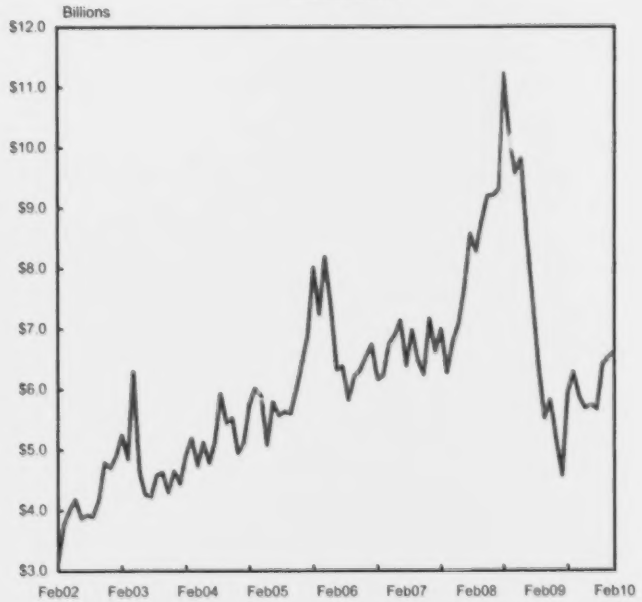

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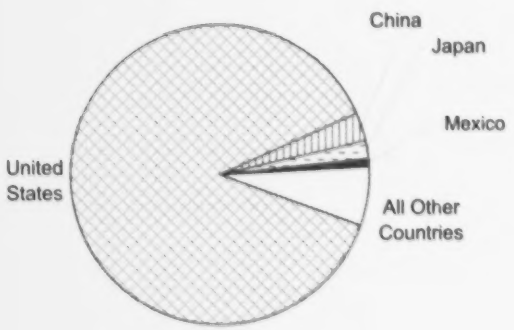

BANKRUPTCIES	JANUARY - DECEMBER			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Business (number)	447	39	-91.3	30	32	6.7	39	27	-30.8
Consumer (number)	6,066	696	-88.5	606	634	4.6	696	684	-1.7

BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS	JANUARY - MARCH			FEBRUARY			MARCH		
	2009	2010	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Business Incorporations	8,577	10,156	18.4	2,567	3,077	19.9	2,879	3,785	31.5
Alberta Corporations	7,960	9,439	18.6	2,354	2,833	20.3	2,680	3,524	31.5
Non-Alberta Corporations	617	717	16.2	213	244	14.6	199	261	31.2

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA	JANUARY - DECEMBER			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total (includes same-day)	1,012,467	942,069	-7.0	68,921	61,170	-11.2	49,920	44,357	-11.1
Total (excludes same-day)	953,149	880,581	-7.6	66,138	58,679	-11.3	47,573	42,212	-11.3
U.S.A. (excludes same-day)	598,567	575,955	-3.8	42,332	37,161	-12.2	26,872	24,721	-8.0
United Kingdom	142,147	112,310	-21.0	10,028	9,172	-8.5	8,879	8,148	-8.2
Germany	37,392	37,979	1.6	2,008	2,332	16.1	1,980	1,960	-1.0
Netherlands	16,434	17,400	5.9	632	1,032	63.3	388	628	61.9
Mexico	19,503	14,730	-24.5	1,928	631	-67.3	1,517	465	-69.3
Australia	13,728	13,439	-2.1	1,645	1,470	-10.6	1,151	980	-14.9
France	7,144	7,034	-1.5	322	411	27.6	392	364	-7.1
Switzerland	8,256	6,529	-20.9	317	409	29.0	385	409	6.2

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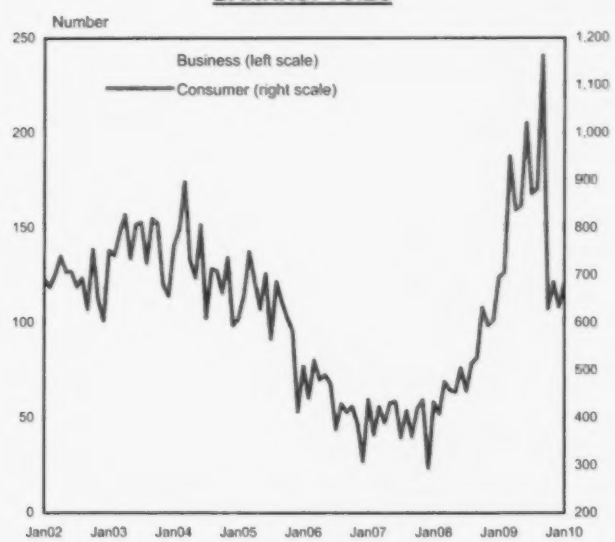

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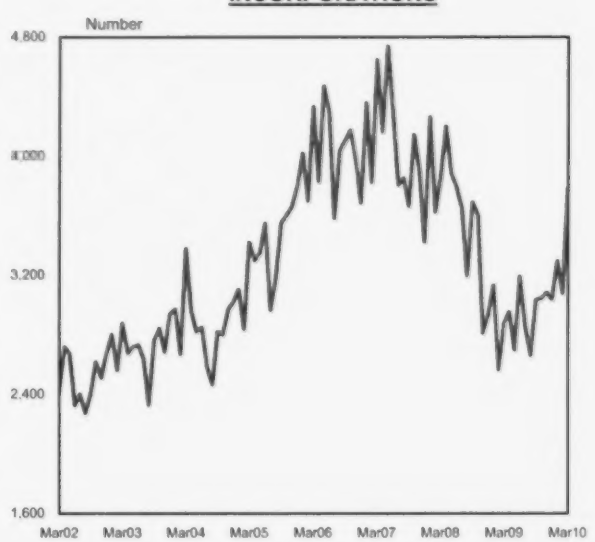

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2009			2010		% Change
	2007	2008	2009	FEB	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	FEB09 - FEB'10
Alberta									
All Items	117.9	121.6	121.5	121.5	122.6	121.9	122.3	122.7	1.0
Food	111.4	115.0	120.5	120.2	120.4	120.7	121.0	121.8	1.3
Shelter	140.0	151.1	147.4	151.8	147.9	147.4	148.5	148.2	-2.4
Energy	153.0	172.3	138.5	146.5	144.5	141.0	148.3	144.5	-1.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	104.3	104.8	107.8	107.2	109.7	107.4	107.6	106.9	-0.3
Transportation	119.5	121.6	115.6	114.0	117.0	116.9	118.8	117.9	3.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	100.7	100.4	105.3	103.0	105.9	105.3	103.4	107.9	4.8
All Items, excl. Food and Energy	115.8	118.2	119.8	119.2	120.7	120.1	119.9	120.7	1.3
Edmonton	117.4	121.4	121.6	121.5	122.7	122.0	122.4	122.9	1.2
Calgary	118.0	121.8	121.7	121.9	122.7	122.1	122.4	122.8	0.7

EXCHANGE RATES (in $Cdn)	ANNUAL RATES			2009		2010			% Change
	2007	2008	2009	MAR	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	MAR'09 - MAR'10
United States	1.0740	1.0671	1.1415	1.2645	1.0544	1.0429	1.0568	1.0230	23.6
Japan	0.0091	0.0104	0.0122	0.0129	0.0117	0.0115	0.0117	0.0113	14.5
European Monetary Union (EURO)	1.4690	1.5603	1.5853	1.6492	1.5380	1.4882	1.4453	1.3882	18.8
United Kingdom	2.1475	1.9605	1.7208	1.7910	1.7118	1.6857	1.6506	1.5404	16.3

INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates)	ANNUAL RATES			2009		2010			% Change
	2007	2008	2009	MAR	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	MAR'09 - MAR'10
Canada	6.10	4.73	2.40	3.00	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	-0.75
United States	8.00	4.94	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	0.00

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALBERTA

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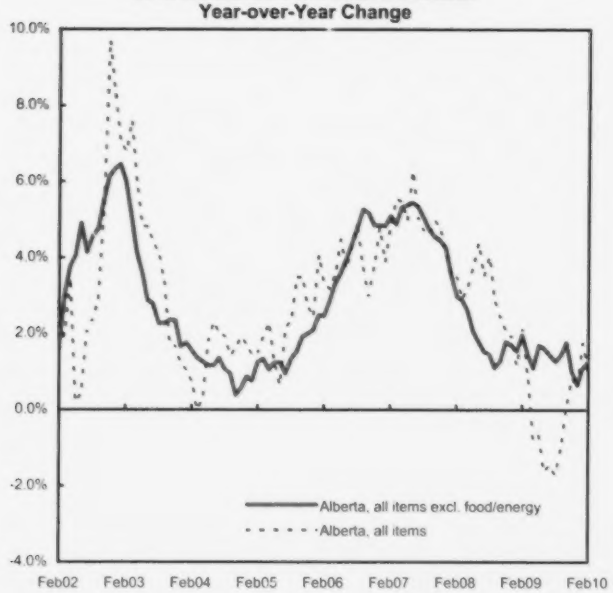

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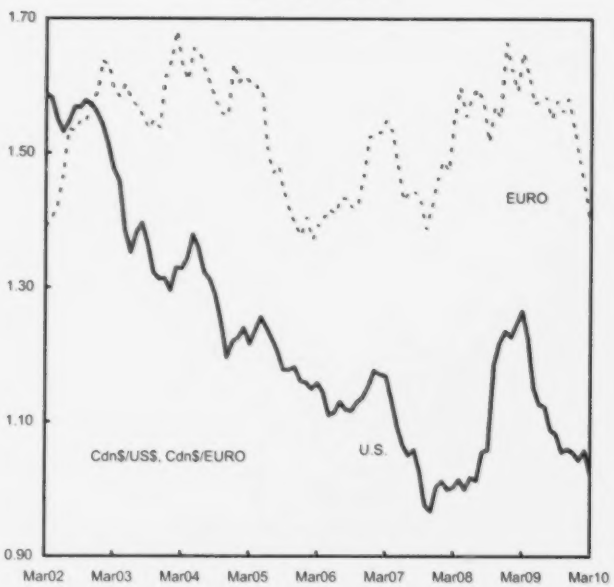

INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
POPULATION ('000s)											
JANUARY 1, 2009	508	140	938	748	7,789	12,995	1,213	1,022	3,644	4,422	33,527
JANUARY 1, 2010	511	141	941	751	7,870	13,134	1,229	1,038	3,712	4,494	33,931
Percent Change	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.6	1.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE* (%)											
MARCH 2009	14.4	11.5	9.0	9.6	8.5	8.9	5.1	4.7	6.1	7.5	8.1
MARCH 2010	15.5	10.8	8.5	8.7	8.0	8.8	5.2	5.1	7.5	7.9	8.2
EMPLOYED* ('000s)											
MARCH 2009	216	69	453	365	3,831	6,533	602.2	518.8	1,986	2,243	16,816
MARCH 2010	219	72	453	367	3,880	6,575	612.2	527	1,969	2,290	16,963
Percent Change	1.3	4.7	0.0	0.5	1.3	0.6	1.7	1.6	-0.9	2.1	0.9
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE* (Average Number of Beneficiaries)											
JANUARY 2009	37,360	7,840	29,790	31,440	179,340	190,610	12,230	9,650	25,680	59,930	583,270
JANUARY 2010	38,850	8,590	32,680	34,640	193,890	227,440	16,240	12,970	57,590	81,480	698,780
Percent Change	4.0	9.6	9.7	10.2	8.1	19.3	32.8	34.4	124.3	36.0	19.8

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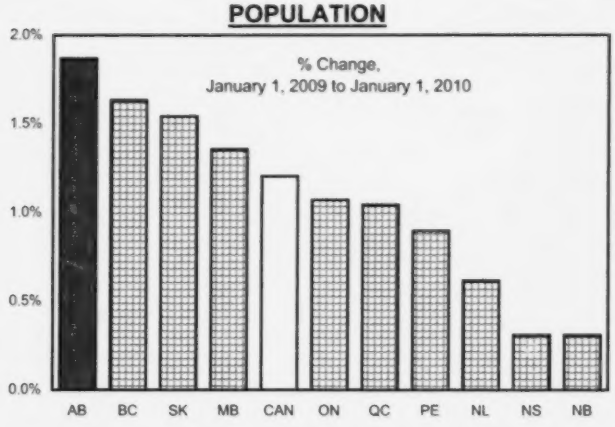

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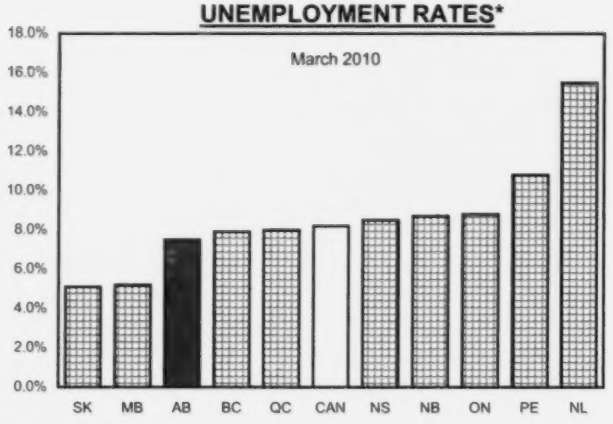

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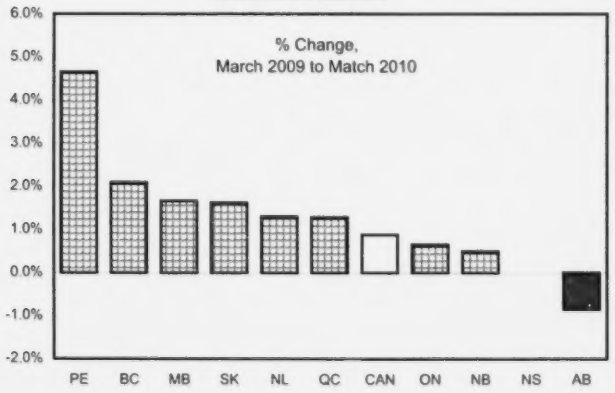

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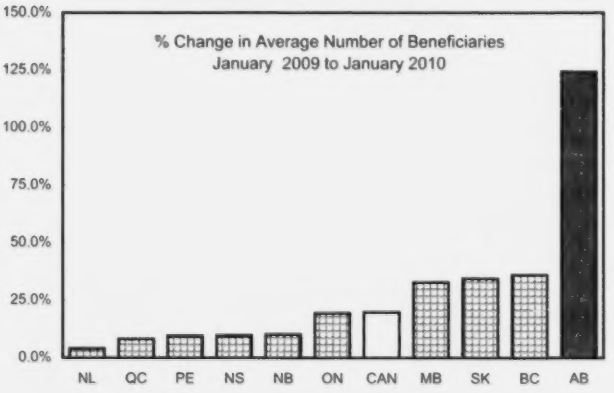

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
WAGES AND SALARIES* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2008	7,957	2,129	15,847	12,685	140,352	290,661	22,232	19,319	115,975	90,831	721,957
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2009	8,276	2,221	16,114	12,953	142,294	287,573	22,645	19,986	116,514	89,092	721,731
Percent Change	4.0	4.3	1.7	2.1	1.4	-1.1	1.9	3.5	0.5	-1.9	0.0
RETAIL TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY 2009	570	140	970	797	7,591	11,986	1,203	1,154	4,730	4,387	33,651
JANUARY 2010	631	151	1,055	841	8,196	12,759	1,286	1,181	4,799	4,634	35,662
Percent Change	10.6	7.8	8.8	5.6	8.0	6.5	6.9	2.4	1.5	5.6	6.0
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES* (Number)											
JANUARY 2009	2,151	437	3,519	2,802	30,165	41,617	3,640	3,912	16,666	12,670	117,579
JANUARY 2010	2,820	496	4,183	3,131	34,269	46,459	3,698	4,099	15,884	13,387	128,426
Percent Change	31.1	13.5	18.9	11.7	13.6	11.6	1.6	4.8	-4.7	5.7	9.2
WHOLESALE TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY 2009	280	39	573	444	8,054	19,263	1,125	1,681	5,494	4,088	41,115
JANUARY 2010	322	39	620	483	8,374	22,269	1,126	1,575	5,085	4,388	44,365
Percent Change	15.0	1.1	8.2	8.8	4.0	15.6	0.1	-6.3	-7.4	7.3	7.9

Note: New Motor Vehicle Sales for British Columbia include automobile sales for the Canadian Territories.

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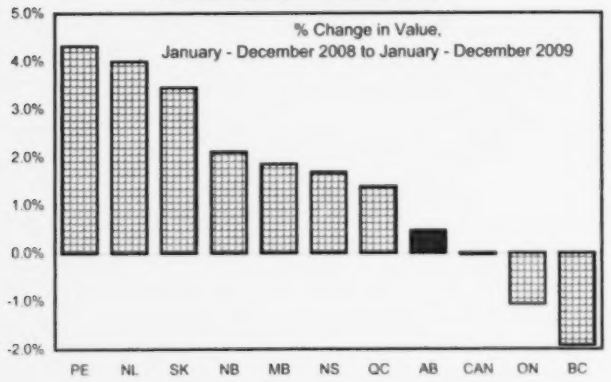

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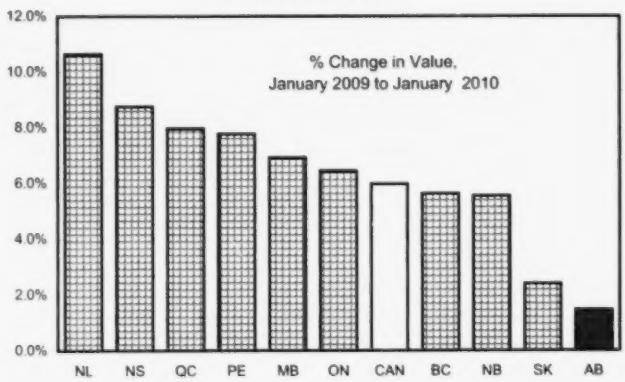

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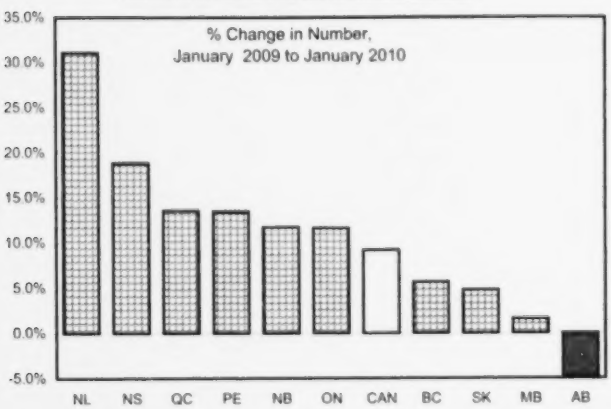

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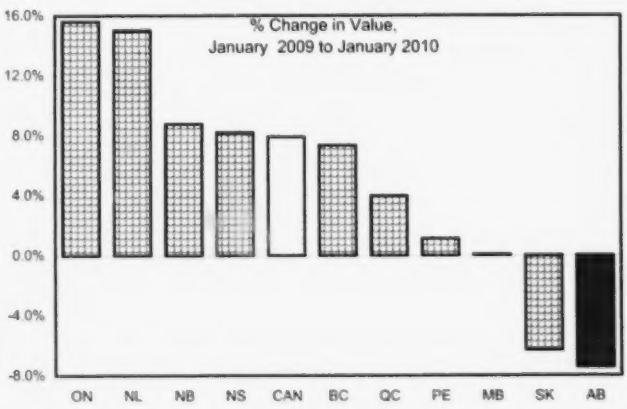

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)											
JANUARY - MARCH 2009	224	23	365	259	5,968	9,218	448	257	2,290	2,522	21,574
JANUARY - MARCH 2010	262	29	614	300	8,364	10,910	723	710	5,197	5,337	32,446
Percent Change	17.0	26.1	68.2	15.8	40.1	18.4	61.4	176.3	126.9	111.6	50.4
BUILDING PERMITS* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2009	105	25	167	182	1,658	3,177	222	269	1,113	961	7,880
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2010	185	26	235	121	2,587	4,433	238	244	1,902	1,361	11,330
Percent Change	76.2	3.0	40.1	-33.8	56.0	39.5	7.0	-9.4	70.8	41.6	43.8
MANUFACTURING* (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, $000,000)											
JANUARY 2009	348	121	754	1,144	10,917	17,481	1,256	883	4,872	2,777	40,557
JANUARY 2010	349	100	788	1,468	11,643	20,431	1,168	934	4,864	2,850	44,601
Percent Change	0.3	-17.0	4.5	28.4	6.6	16.9	-7.0	5.8	-0.2	2.6	10.0
AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations $000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008	83	279	350	346	5,452	7,423	3,624	7,045	7,756	1,818	34,176
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2009	79	298	334	370	5,508	6,768	3,623	6,746	7,239	1,793	32,758
Percent Change	-4.5	6.8	-4.6	6.9	1.0	-8.8	0.0	-4.3	-6.7	-1.4	-4.2

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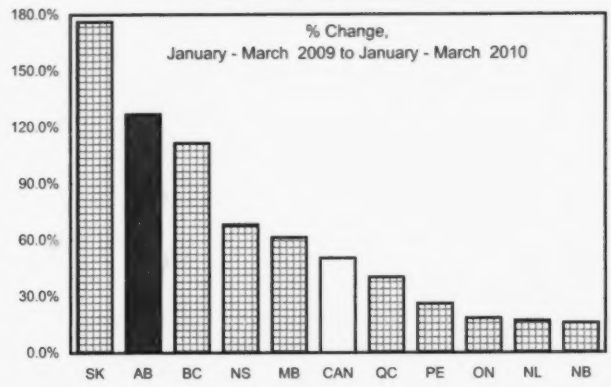

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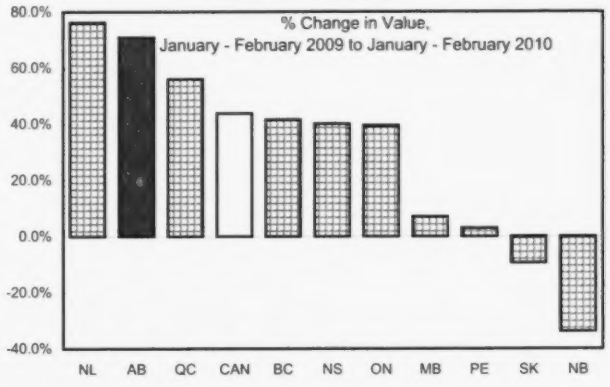

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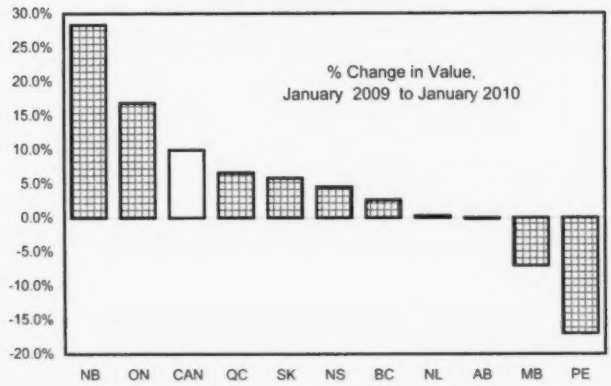

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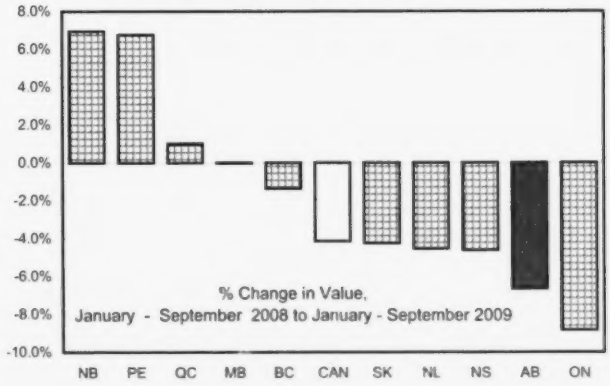

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	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
EXPORTS ($000,000)											
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2009	1,227	135	752	1,473	9,658	20,091	1,794	3,427	11,917	4,163	55,005
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2010	1,156	95	600	2,156	9,070	21,240	1,486	3,893	13,112	4,089	56,935
Percent Change	-5.8	-29.8	-20.3	46.3	-6.1	5.7	-17.2	13.6	10.0	-1.8	3.5
CONSUMER BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY 2009	155	25	306	195	2,561	2,952	164	118	696	767	7,944
JANUARY 2010	182	38	304	219	2,156	2,443	140	135	684	694	6,998
Percent Change	17.4	52.0	-0.7	12.3	-15.8	-17.2	-14.6	14.4	-1.7	-9.5	-11.9
BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY 2009	1	1	9	11	183	166	5	8	39	25	448
JANUARY 2010	0	1	8	8	120	143	7	12	27	28	354
Percent Change	-100.0	0.0	-11.1	-27.3	-34.4	-13.9	40.0	50.0	-30.8	12.0	-21.0
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)											
FEBRUARY 2009	113.4	115.7	114.3	112.0	112.3	113.1	113.1	116.5	121.5	111.9	113.8
FEBRUARY 2010	116.3	118.8	116.9	115.6	114.2	115.1	114.6	117.7	122.7	113.2	115.6
Percent Change	2.6	2.7	2.3	3.2	1.7	1.8	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6

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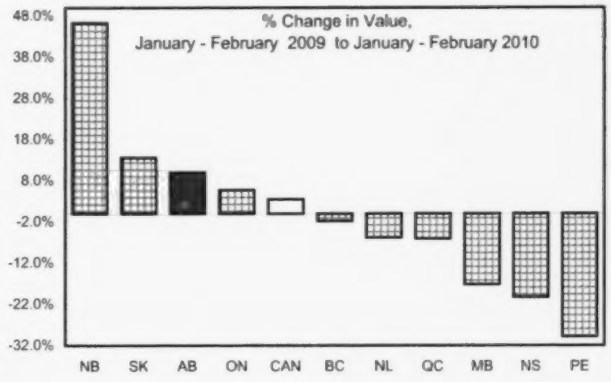

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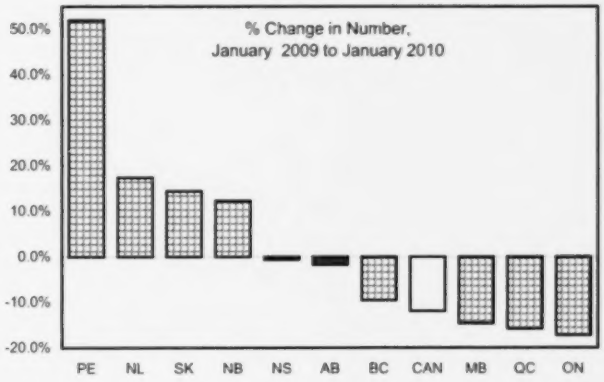

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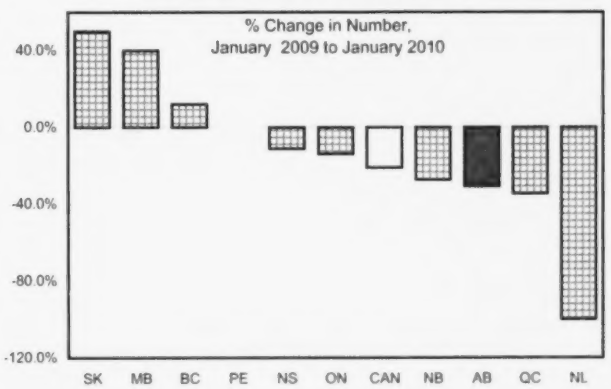

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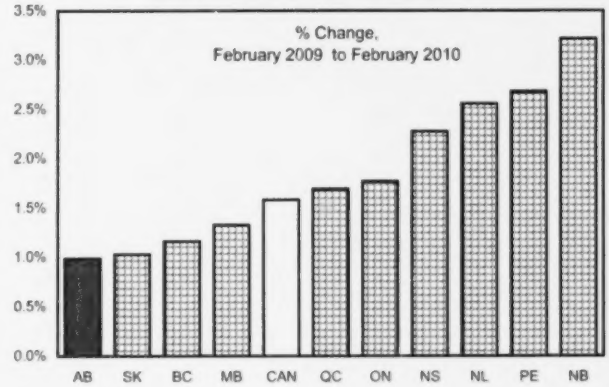

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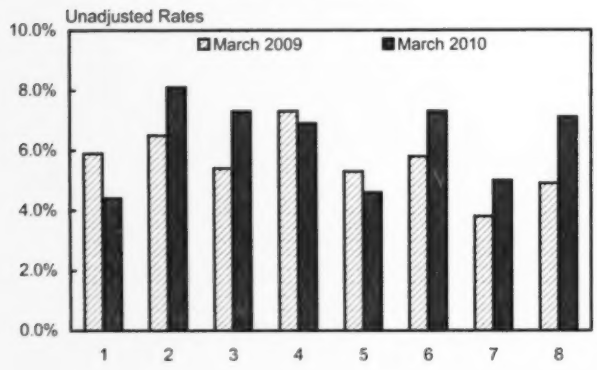
REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

LABOUR FORCE, ALBERTA REGIONS (unadjusted, 3-month moving average)	March 2009	March 2010
Labour Force (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	70.8	74.4
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	142.0	147.7
3) Edmonton Region	670.4	674.4
4) Red Deer Region	114.9	110.1
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	55.0	54.2
6) Calgary Region	789.8	793.5
7) Camrose - Drumheller	113.0	111.9
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	141.9	138.8
Employed (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	66.6	71.2
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	132.6	135.7
3) Edmonton Region	634.5	625.0
4) Red Deer Region	106.5	102.5
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	52.2	51.7
6) Calgary Region	743.8	735.1
7) Camrose - Drumheller	108.7	106.3
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	135.0	129.0
Unemployment Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	5.9%	4.4%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	6.5%	8.1%
3) Edmonton Region	5.4%	7.3%
4) Red Deer Region	7.3%	6.9%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	5.3%	4.6%
6) Calgary Region	5.8%	7.3%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	3.8%	5.0%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	4.9%	7.1%
Participation Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	75.4%	77.5%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	75.2%	76.6%
3) Edmonton Region	72.1%	70.8%
4) Red Deer Region	77.2%	71.8%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	79.6%	77.1%
6) Calgary Region	76.1%	74.3%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	72.6%	71.3%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	67.3%	64.9%

Population (July 1, 2009)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	134,665
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	260,856
3) Edmonton Region	1,200,873
4) Red Deer Region	194,616
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	91,057
6) Calgary Region	1,322,292
7) Camrose - Drumheller	202,568
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	280,735
5-year Population Growth (2004-2009)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	16.1%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	10.0%
3) Edmonton Region	13.5%
4) Red Deer Region	14.9%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	9.0%
6) Calgary Region	16.8%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	6.9%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	10.7%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ALBERTA REGIONS



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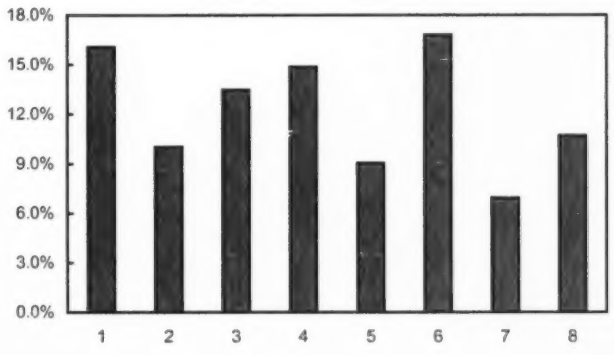


REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

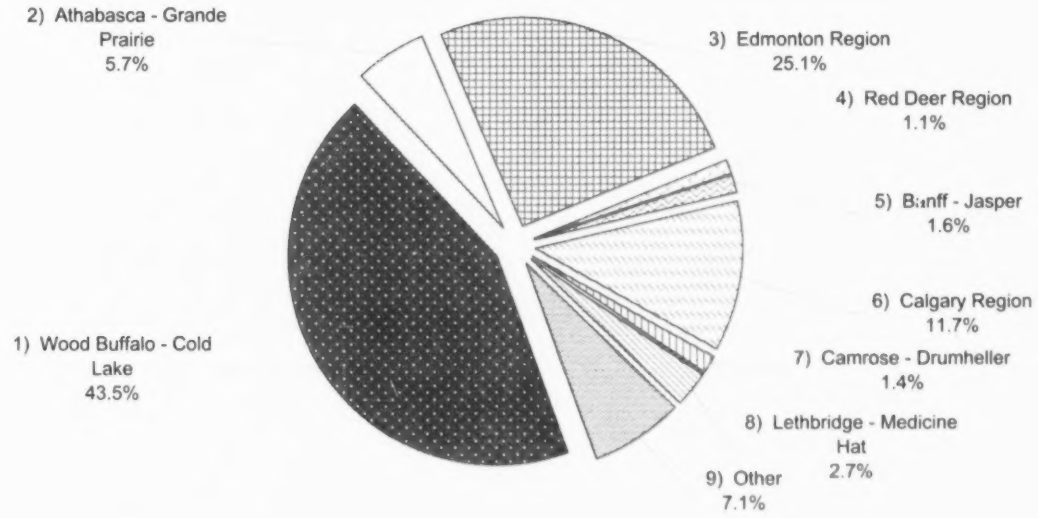
The *Inventory of Major Alberta Projects* tracks projects valued at $5 million or greater that are planned, underway, or have been recently completed.

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	FEBRUARY	
Investment ($ 000,000)	2009	2010
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	82,185.4	101,217.8
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	12,155.1	13,363.6
3) Edmonton Region	72,957.4	58,470.0
4) Red Deer Region	2,995.8	2,482.5
5) Banff - Jasper	7,285.2	3,624.4
6) Calgary Region	34,232.3	27,304.1
7) Camrose - Drumheller	5,608.4	3,318.8
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	4,278.6	6,390.0
9) Other	40,037.7	16,575.9
Total	261,735.9	232,747.1

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - FEBRUARY			JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
	2009	2010	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change	2009	2010	Per cent Change
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	52.3	214.4	309.7	12.3	99.9	714.3	40.1	114.5	185.9
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	71.7	54.4	-24.2	49.3	26.4	-46.4	22.5	28.0	24.7
3) Edmonton Region	365.9	561.5	53.5	211.2	236.1	11.8	154.7	325.4	110.3
4) Red Deer Region	25.8	37.1	43.6	13.7	19.6	43.3	12.2	17.5	43.9
5) Banff - Jasper	4.3	9.8	127.6	1.7	3.9	126.9	2.6	5.9	128.1
6) Calgary Region	350.2	491.7	40.4	166.2	239.3	44.0	184.0	252.4	37.2
7) Camrose - Drumheller	31.8	44.6	39.9	12.2	15.5	26.9	19.6	29.1	47.9
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	58.8	34.2	-41.8	27.7	12.2	-55.9	31.0	21.9	-29.3
Total	960.9	1,447.7	50.7	494.2	652.8	32.1	466.7	794.8	70.3

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (FEBRUARY 2010)

Total: $233 billion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3) Edmonton Region 25.1%
4) Red Deer Region 1.1%
5) Banff - Jasper 1.6%
6) Calgary Region 11.7%
7) Camrose - Drumheller 1.4%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat 2.7%
9) Other 7.1%
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake 43.5%

Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

	Unemployment Rate* (%)	Employed* (000's)	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries*	Wages and Salaries* ($000,000)	Average Weekly Earnings* ($)	Retail Trade* ($000,000)	Food/Drinking Places Receipts ($000,000)	New Motor Vehicle Sales* (#)	Wholesale Trade* ($000,000)
2000	5.0	1,584	27,391	54,624	663.00	31,738	4,035	175,545	33,255
2001	4.7	1,631	25,559	61,355	676.07	34,560	4,471	187,862	35,571
2002	5.3	1,671	32,489	63,400	693.35	37,663	4,610	204,805	36,987
2003	5.1	1,717	33,931	66,266	717.26	39,318	4,727	194,451	39,967
2004	4.6	1,758	28,869	72,707	741.06	43,372	5,030	196,153	44,966
2005	3.9	1,785	22,378	82,878	783.90	48,493	5,450	222,361	52,266
2006	3.4	1,871	18,834	95,678	**823.35**	55,942	6,051	248,730	58,977
Jan07	3.6	1,928	16,960	8,559	**855.18**	4,938	535	21,397	5,134
Feb07	3.6	1,936	17,020	8,602	**854.35**	4,959	523	21,349	5,135
Mar07	3.6	1,936	16,810	8,645	**851.10**	5,078	549	22,496	5,302
Apr07	3.6	1,946	16,950	8,692	**857.90**	5,054	528	21,618	4,981
May07	3.7	1,946	17,390	8,745	**850.02**	5,147	522	21,715	4,903
Jun07	3.8	1,956	16,980	8,877	**875.04**	5,168	527	21,953	5,141
Jul07	3.3	1,970	18,890	8,936	**879.13**	5,157	528	21,804	5,179
Aug07	3.4	1,969	17,850	8,965	**863.20**	5,104	534	22,179	5,194
Sep07	3.5	1,977	16,100	9,047	**889.66**	5,075	545	20,408	5,199
Oct07	3.4	1,978	15,860	9,136	**898.93**	5,080	546	20,466	5,240
Nov07	3.6	1,974	15,610	9,193	**887.01**	5,189	539	20,453	5,266
Dec07	3.2	1,991	15,640	9,257	**891.19**	5,209	533	21,212	5,266
Avg./Sum	3.5	1,959	16,838	106,654	**871.06**	61,156	6,410	257,050	61,939
Jan08	3.5	1,996	15,970	9,332	**885.77**	5,178	529	22,154	5,196
Feb08	3.7	1,992	15,820	9,415	**924.01**	5,160	531	21,510	5,382
Mar08	3.6	2,000	16,060	9,492	**919.75**	5,195	538	21,684	5,476
Apr08	3.4	2,005	16,520	9,521	**917.31**	5,102	548	19,745	5,589
May08	3.5	2,008	16,950	9,556	**899.57**	5,113	551	20,508	5,811
Jun08	3.2	2,017	16,800	9,650	**923.07**	5,149	565	20,419	5,659
Jul08	3.6	2,013	18,770	9,666	**906.46**	5,106	557	19,679	5,826
Aug08	3.4	2,005	17,590	9,769	**923.47**	5,094	560	19,115	6,124
Sep09	3.8	2,024	17,060	9,854	**946.70**	5,144	561	19,935	5,985
Oct08	3.5	2,044	18,240	9,878	**930.79**	5,081	558	19,898	6,092
Nov08	3.5	2,033	20,110	9,914	**954.11**	4,943	557	18,233	5,887
Dec08	4.4	2,015	22,530	9,928	**947.54**	4,708	540	15,533	5,638
Avg./Sum	3.6	2,013	17,702	115,975	**923.21**	60,975	6,596	238,413	68,664
Jan09	4.7	2,020	25,680	**9,809**	**947.89**	4,730	550	16,666	5,494
Feb09	5.9	1,992	34,180	**9,780**	**965.26**	4,677	553	14,714	5,240
Mar09	6.1	1,986	44,010	**9,761**	**964.04**	4,597	550	14,830	5,070
Apr09	6.3	1,986	50,940	**9,729**	**936.23**	4,620	549	15,270	4,994
May09	6.7	1,988	56,630	**9,755**	**943.73**	4,628	556	14,939	4,818
Jun09	6.8	1,986	62,860	**9,702**	**954.05**	4,672	555	15,394	4,797
Jul09	7.2	1,985	62,310	**9,668**	**941.88**	4,629	560	15,864	4,778
Aug09	7.3	1,975	58,030	**9,563**	**934.39**	4,626	551	15,660	4,709
Sep09	6.8	1,985	71,770	**9,639**	**952.52**	4,650	554	16,107	4,719
Oct09	7.2	1,975	73,120	**9,663**	**949.74**	**4,686**	**543**	**16,796**	**4,700**
Nov09	7.1	1,988	**72,090**	**9,706**	**962.54**	**4,675**	**546**	**15,254**	**4,729**
Dec09	6.6	1,995	**67,630**	**9,740**	**949.32**	**4,763**	**544**	**15,853**	**4,940**
Avg./Sum	6.6	1,988	**56,604**	**116,514**	**950.13**	**55,954**	**6,611**	**187,347**	**58,988**
Jan10	6.6	1,988	**57,590**		**965.09**	**4,799**	**557**	**15,884**	**5,085**
Feb10	6.9	1,973							
Mar10	**7.5**	**1,969**							
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	MLS Housing Resales (#)	Housing Starts (#, urban)	Building Permits ($000,000)			Manufacturing Shipments* ($000,000)	Energy Production		Rigs Drilling (#)
			Alberta	Calgary	Edmonton		Oil/Equiv. (Tsds m^3)	Gas (Mlns m^3)	
2000	43,311	21,506	5,296	2,287	1,249	44,430	89,136	176,146	296
2001	48,989	24,457	5,912	2,309	1,462	45,480	89,365	174,094	298
2002	51,042	32,729	6,847	2,714	1,797	45,404	89,885	170,828	231
2003	51,334	32,066	6,667	2,819	1,767	48,072	95,311	166,623	314
2004	57,460	32,188	7,327	2,857	2,028	53,299	101,007	167,676	331
2005	65,866	34,301	10,202	3,921	2,904	60,435	98,879	168,327	381
2006	74,350	40,882	13,876	5,480	3,541	65,091	106,018	167,385	371
Jan07	5,344	3,010	1,017	418	333	5,489	9,131	15,266	433
Feb07	6,602	2,443	851	316	255	5,631	8,526	13,956	447
Mar07	8,159	3,353	1,299	566	334	5,553	9,949	14,244	293
Apr07	7,803	3,929	1,271	424	400	5,501	8,786	13,624	79
May07	8,606	3,684	2,013	1,116	338	5,486	8,845	13,807	64
Jun07	7,327	3,306	1,631	714	418	5,305	8,327	13,042	147
Jul07	5,938	3,050	1,391	548	288	5,307	9,238	13,393	254
Aug07	5,494	3,552	1,396	390	431	5,427	9,950	13,765	234
Sep07	4,371	4,366	1,196	493	274	5,453	9,257	12,871	226
Oct07	4,544	3,236	1,533	732	258	5,522	9,581	13,482	222
Nov07	4,193	2,704	1,178	326	415	5,614	9,278	13,256	229
Dec07	3,049	1,846	953	452	181	5,541	8,813	14,888	263
Avg./Sum	71,430	38,477	15,730	6,495	3,925	65,829	109,681	165,594	241
Jan08	4,021	2,320	1,044	407	330	5,626	9,118	14,843	347
Feb08	4,601	1,988	1,367	589	303	5,633	8,452	13,506	424
Mar08	5,360	4,224	1,012	332	244	5,575	9,302	13,773	314
Apr08	5,996	2,260	1,338	447	267	5,809	8,582	12,981	70
May08	5,958	2,762	1,416	523	381	6,104	8,414	13,009	52
Jun08	6,030	1,649	1,260	433	409	6,248	8,672	12,329	136
Jul08	5,754	2,184	1,180	441	296	6,448	9,546	12,999	250
Aug08	5,031	1,712	929	315	240	6,131	9,615	12,887	259
Sep09	5,182	1,881	1,053	275	352	6,429	8,999	12,297	241
Oct08	3,840	1,885	861	319	276	5,984	9,232	12,833	263
Nov08	2,744	1,431	1,005	451	285	5,495	9,316	12,419	237
Dec08	1,882	1,099	675	186	272	4,931	9,438	13,787	236
Avg./Sum	56,399	25,395	13,141	4,719	3,657	70,411	108,685	157,664	236
Jan09	2,195	930	494	161	210	4,872	9,261	14,217	263
Feb09	3,231	658	467	177	154	4,862	8,807	12,584	238
Mar09	4,115	702	715	241	295	4,681	9,354	13,214	108
Apr09	5,251	873	920	328	241	4,427	8,838	12,280	41
May09	6,235	1,063	1,226	634	248	4,458	8,743	12,135	32
Jun09	7,368	1,591	998	450	252	4,479	8,957	11,668	59
Jul09	6,552	1,624	901	281	308	4,314	9,609	12,048	85
Aug09	5,407	1,694	883	265	381	4,504	9,570	11,890	97
Sep09	5,258	2,062	1,000	327	383	4,527	9,267	10,917	111
Oct09	4,978	2,329	1,524	602	605	4,667	9,857	11,385	129
Nov09	4,154	2,319	1,088	314	524	4,764			152
Dec09	3,042	1,899	1,060	505	260	4,795			227
Avg./Sum	57,786	17,744	11,277	4,285	3,861	55,352			128
Jan10	2,934	1,317	**653**	**224**	236	**4,864**			287
Feb10	**4,077**	1,614	**795**	**225**	**324**				339
Mar10		**2,141**							**219**
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	Energy Prices		International	Bankruptcies		Incorporations		International
	WTI Crude (US$/barrel)	Gas (C$/GJ)	Exports ($000,000)	Business (#)	Consumer (#)	Alberta (#)	Non-Alberta (#)	Travellers (#, direct entries)**
2000	30.20	4.27	55,495	1,709	8,847	27,001	1,970	880,729
2001	25.90	5.12	57,061	1,688	8,121	27,907	1,955	845,325
2002	26.09	3.68	48,931	1,998	8,234	28,141	2,001	826,384
2003	31.04	5.81	57,044	1,636	9,160	30,680	1,891	806,307
2004	41.40	5.98	63,688	1,565	8,719	32,276	2,041	913,320
2005	56.56	7.87	**76,280**	1,194	7,542	38,038	2,284	906,714
2006	66.22	6.22	77,744	666	5,248	45,527	2,680	881,623
Jan07	54.35	6.27	7,135	35	438	4,146	211	45,899
Feb07	59.39	6.82	6,396	58	365	3,582	244	48,882
Mar07	60.74	6.92	6,975	46	423	4,374	273	58,061
Apr07	64.04	6.74	6,485	47	390	3,945	220	51,057
May07	63.53	6.61	6,249	51	431	4,461	276	76,928
Jun07	67.53	6.21	7,168	29	435	4,009	271	122,878
Jul07	74.30	5.43	6,630	39	359	3,570	236	157,136
Aug07	72.36	4.81	6,994	32	415	3,629	223	129,785
Sep07	79.63	4.42	6,280	34	361	3,455	209	94,695
Oct07	85.66	4.96	6,798	22	420	3,885	258	60,811
Nov07	94.63	5.54	7,087	29	437	3,622	268	43,170
Dec07	91.74	5.85	7,677	27	294	3,242	182	64,645
Avg./Sum	72.32	5.88	81,873	449	4,768	45,920	2,871	953,937
Jan08	92.93	6.19	8,571	33	433	4,008	253	47,123
Feb08	95.35	6.72	8,282	39	409	3,362	263	49,943
Mar08	105.32	7.52	8,785	38	476	3,650	214	61,154
Apr08	112.46	8.11	9,194	37	458	3,955	244	51,448
May08	125.46	8.92	9,212	28	455	3,616	270	76,685
Jun08	134.04	9.81	9,305	55	505	3,524	266	121,766
Jul08	133.93	9.84	11,223	37	457	3,405	244	154,122
Aug08	116.69	7.35	10,206	38	514	2,999	199	128,289
Sep08	103.40	6.28	9,573	32	526	3,450	239	90,442
Oct08	76.72	6.27	9,812	35	632	3,374	229	59,701
Nov08	57.61	6.25	8,530	45	595	2,609	203	47,030
Dec08	42.04	6.36	7,479	30	606	2,756	183	66,545
Avg./Sum	99.66	7.47	110,173	447	6,066	40,708	2,807	954,248
Jan09	41.92	5.77	6,396	39	696	2,926	205	47,573
Feb09	39.21	4.66	5,522	44	706	2,354	213	48,459
Mar09	48.06	4.01	5,820	31	951	2,680	199	53,224
Apr09	49.95	3.41	5,170	24	838	2,760	194	52,360
May09	59.21	3.13	4,569	34	847	2,509	191	72,054
Jun09	69.70	2.97	5,941	33	1,021	2,978	212	113,758
Jul09	64.29	2.94	6,267	35	872	2,682	178	148,990
Aug09	71.14	2.72	5,864	33	882	2,494	169	112,877
Sep09	69.47	2.48	5,688	35	1,163	2,827	206	84,836
Oct09	76.08	3.40	5,735	33	690	2,817	228	49,465
Nov09	78.15	3.77	5,665	32	686	2,892	191	38,306
Dec09	74.60	4.51	6,402	32	634	2,833	205	58,679
Avg./Sum	61.82	3.65	69,039	405	9,986	32,752	2,391	880,581
Jan10	78.40	**4.88**	6,528	**27**	**684**	3,082	212	**42,212**
Feb10	76.45		**6,605**			2,833	244	
Mar10	**81.84**					**3,524**	**261**	
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	Consumer Price Index (2002 = 100)					Exchange Rates		Prime Rates	
	Alberta	Shelter	Energy	Edmonton	Calgary	(Cdn$/US$)	(Cdn$/EURO)	Canada (%)	U.S. (%)
2000	94.5	96.9	102.0	95.1	94.1	1.4854	1.3704	7.27	9.27
2001	96.7	99.3	102.2	97.2	96.4	1.5489	1.3872	5.81	6.79
2002	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5706	1.4838	4.21	4.67
2003	104.4	108.1	119.2	105.3	103.5	1.4010	1.5823	4.69	4.13
2004	105.9	109.8	123.8	106.4	105.3	1.3013	1.6169	4.00	4.38
2005	108.1	113.5	136.2	108.6	107.4	1.2114	1.5085	4.42	6.23
2006	112.3	124.8	142.7	112.0	112.3	1.1343	1.4244	5.81	7.98
Jan07	114.7	134.3	141.1	113.9	115.0	1.1759	1.5275	6.00	8.25
Feb07	115.0	133.8	137.4	114.2	115.6	1.1707	1.5315	6.00	8.25
Mar07	116.4	135.8	149.8	115.7	116.7	1.1682	1.5473	6.00	8.25
Apr07	117.5	138.0	157.2	117.0	117.6	1.1343	1.5333	6.00	8.25
May07	117.8	135.9	152.8	117.1	117.6	1.0949	1.4801	6.00	8.25
Jun07	118.8	140.0	159.2	118.6	118.6	1.0652	1.4295	6.00	8.25
Jul07	119.1	140.6	160.8	118.8	119.1	1.0503	1.4417	6.25	8.25
Aug07	119.3	143.8	161.7	119.1	119.3	1.0582	1.4410	6.25	8.25
Sep07	119.4	143.1	158.3	119.1	119.3	1.0254	1.4273	6.25	7.75
Oct07	118.6	144.5	150.8	118.3	118.7	0.9752	1.3882	6.25	7.50
Nov07	119.1	145.3	154.1	118.8	118.6	0.9671	1.4202	6.25	7.50
Dec07	118.9	145.4	153.0	118.6	119.0	1.0030	1.4607	6.00	7.25
Avg./Sum	117.9	140.0	153.0	117.4	117.9	1.0740	1.4690	6.10	8.00
Jan08	118.8	146.0	155.3	118.5	118.9	1.0111	1.4877	5.75	6.00
Feb08	119.0	146.4	155.2	118.7	119.1	0.9991	1.4738	5.75	6.00
Mar08	119.8	147.9	162.6	119.5	120.0	1.0020	1.5556	5.25	5.25
Apr08	121.3	150.9	176.7	121.2	121.2	1.0139	1.5972	4.75	5.25
May08	122.2	151.6	184.6	121.9	122.3	0.9994	1.5555	4.75	5.00
Jun08	124.0	156.0	204.6	123.7	123.9	1.0167	1.5821	4.75	5.00
Jul08	123.3	152.8	194.5	123.6	123.0	1.0127	1.5955	4.75	5.00
Aug08	124.1	156.9	201.6	123.6	124.4	1.0543	1.5734	4.75	5.00
Sep09	122.8	150.0	179.7	122.3	123.1	1.0583	1.5170	4.75	5.00
Oct08	121.5	149.7	161.3	121.3	121.8	1.1848	1.5688	4.00	4.50
Nov08	121.6	151.6	148.7	121.4	122.0	1.2182	1.5529	4.00	4.00
Dec08	121.2	153.0	142.7	121.0	121.8	1.2345	1.6635	3.50	3.25
Avg./Sum	121.6	151.1	172.3	121.4	121.8	1.0671	1.5603	4.73	4.94
Jan09	120.2	150.3	135.7	120.2	120.7	1.2263	1.6230	3.00	3.25
Feb09	121.5	151.8	146.5	121.5	121.9	1.2451	1.5929	3.00	3.25
Mar09	120.9	148.6	137.4	120.9	121.3	1.2645	1.7910	2.50	3.25
Apr09	120.4	146.3	131.2	120.5	120.8	1.2240	1.8010	2.25	3.25
May09	121.4	145.8	133.5	121.6	121.5	1.1509	1.7767	2.25	3.25
Jun09	122.0	146.1	137.4	122.2	122.1	1.1265	1.5785	2.25	3.25
Jul09	121.5	146.1	137.4	121.8	121.6	1.1223	1.5820	2.25	3.25
Aug09	122.0	147.4	143.9	122.1	122.1	1.0882	1.5517	2.25	3.25
Sep09	121.5	145.2	136.2	121.7	121.6	1.0818	1.5764	2.25	3.25
Oct09	121.6	145.4	133.1	121.8	121.9	1.0549	1.5632	2.25	3.25
Nov09	122.6	147.9	144.5	122.7	122.7	1.0596	1.5799	2.25	3.25
Dec09	121.9	147.4	141.0	122.0	122.1	1.0544	1.5380	2.25	3.25
Avg./Sum	121.5	147.4	138.2	121.6	121.7	1.1415	1.6295	2.40	3.25
Jan10	122.3	148.5	148.3	122.4	122.4	1.0429	1.4882	2.25	3.25
Feb10	**122.7**	**148.2**	**144.5**	**122.9**	**122.8**	1.0568	1.4453	2.25	3.25
Mar10						**1.0230**	**1.3882**	**2.25**	**3.25**
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